

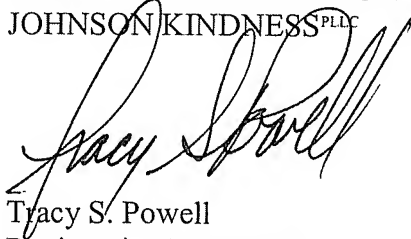
REMARKS

The amendments to the claims presented herewith are to resolve some inadvertent antecedent basis issues created with the previous amendments. The substance of the claims has not been modified from the previous amendments. Thus, the Examiner is requested to evaluate these amended claims in conjunction with the arguments submitted in the December 12, 2006 Office Action response.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding these matters, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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